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'Support local' call as Argyll eases out of lockdown

by Colin Cameron
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Pubs and restaurants have opened, tourist attractions can now be visited – and those wild and woolly lockdown locks can finally be tamed by a visit to the hairdresser.

As the easing out of coronavirus lockdown continues in Scotland, this week has seen the most significant relaxation of restrictions imposed as the coronavirus pandemic arrived in March.

Among other steps, places of worship and childcare providers can now all reopen.

There is also a partial relaxation of restrictions on attendance at funerals and marriage ceremonies, while closer working may now be permitted in the building trade.

All of the above, of course, comes with strict safety requirements which must be adhered to, but they are steps in the right direction.

And with many Argyll business ready to reopen,

residents are being encouraged to support Argyll and Bute by buying local.

'Post Covid-19, we should support our local businesses as they have supported us during the pandemic,' said Councillor Alastair Redman, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for economic growth.

'Scottish tourism is facing its biggest challenge in a generation and will need financial support for some time to come.'

'With lockdown in place,' continued Councillor Redman, 'our food and drink producers had to change the way they did business – often in imaginative ways. Some businesses have set up new digital platforms to allow customers to order on line while others have provided food to front line workers and people who are considered to be vul-

nerable. It was also good to see that some of our local whisky and gin producers started to manufacture and distribute hand sanitisers when it ran out in shops.

'This is community spirit at its very best. It is my sincere hope that as consumers we choose to benefit from the quality of food and excellence of service we get from our local shops as the country moves into recovery.'

Tourism agency Visit Scotland's chief executive Malcolm Roughead echoed this sentiment.

'Scottish tourism is facing its biggest challenge in a generation and will need financial support for some time to come to help it recover. The Scottish public has a crucial part to play in helping this happen,' said Mr Roughead

'It's easy to not think of yourself as a tourist in your own country but many of the experiences that we enjoy with loved ones, such as holidays, shopping or eating out, all contribute to our visitor economy.'

Jane named first female Lord Lieutenant



Mrs Jane MacLeod.

Argyll and Bute will have its first female Lord Lieutenant later this month with the appointment of Mrs Jane MacLeod from Achnaba, near Lochgilphead.

The current Lord Lieutenant, Patrick Stewart CVO MBE WS, is due to retire on July 25 after 33 years of service to the lieutenancy of Argyll and Bute and nine years as the Queen's official representative to the area.

Mrs MacLeod said: 'I am absolutely delighted to be appointed and I am very much looking forward to embarking on this new challenge.'

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Disqualified driver and drugs

At about 8pm on Monday July 6 at Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, a vehicle was stopped and the driver, a man aged 30, searched and allegedly found to be in possession of a small amount of cocaine, driving whilst disqualified from holding a licence and without insurance. He was arrested, cautioned and charged with the offences and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Cocaine found

A vehicle was stopped by police around 8pm on Monday July 6 at Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig and the 25-year-old driver searched. He was cautioned and charged after allegedly being found to be in possession of cocaine. A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

Scottish Water site damage

Between midnight on Tuesday June 30 and 3.30pm on Monday July 6 at the Scottish Water site, Quarry Park, Furnace, damage was caused to trees, fencing and the cabling cabinet.

Possession of cannabis

About 3pm on Wednesday July 8, police searched a house at Knapdale Terrace, Ardrishaig, where a man aged 41 was allegedly found in possession of cannabis. The man was cautioned and charged and a report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

Theft of mobile phone

Police are investigating the theft of a silver/grey iPhone in a camouflage case which occurred at around 4.30pm on Thursday July 9 on Front Street near Inveraray Pier.

No insurance – vehicle seizure

After a van was stopped by police on Garvel Road, Tarbert for a routine check at about 9.45pm on Tuesday July 7, checks revealed that there was no insurance in force for

the vehicle. The driver, a man aged 23, was charged with the offence and the vehicle was seized. He was issued with a £300 fixed penalty ticket and six penalty points.

Abusive behaviour

About 3am on Saturday July 11 at Baddens Park, Lochgilphead, a 21-year-old man allegedly behaved in an abusive manner. Police attended and arrested and charged the man who was held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Recorded warning

A 27-year-old woman was searched by police at Riverside Drive, Lochgilphead at about 3pm on Sunday July 12. After she was found in possession of a small amount of cannabis, she was cautioned, charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

Alcohol stolen

At some time between Sunday March 1 and midnight on Friday July 3, a quantity of alcohol was stolen from within a caravan at the Port Ban Caravan Park, Kilberry. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Theft of tyres

Between 11am and 5.30pm on Saturday July 11, outside a garage near Ellary Road, Ormsary, two new tyres were stolen. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local Police Station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Police officers carry out roadside bike checks during a previous road safety campaign.

Police launch biker safety campaign

Last weekend saw Police Scotland target motorcyclists as its annual biker safety campaign kicked off.

Motorcyclists are among the most vulnerable road users and while they make up just one per cent of the traffic on our roads they account for around 13 per cent of fatalities.

Superintendent Simon Bradshaw from Police Scotland's road policing division, said: 'As we have seen in the past few weeks, Scotland has experienced some glorious weather, and similar dry and

sunny spells are expected throughout the rest of the summer.

'With that in mind, it is essential that all drivers are mindful of other road users and pay particular attention for motorbikes.

'Likewise, they must ensure their behaviour behind the wheel does not put riders, or anyone else, at risk.

'Motorcyclists must also play their part in keeping themselves safe and I would urge motorcyclists to always ride responsibly, ensuring

they wear all the necessary safety clothing and travel at safe speeds, appropriate to the conditions they face.

'Road Policing Officers will continue to monitor the road network across the country and any offences we observe will be dealt with appropriately, be it educating drivers and riders or taking enforcement action.

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Contact numbers for the outreach/support team

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The Volunteer Befriending Team

Our volunteer befriending service called Circle of Friends is continuing to run. Volunteers are maintaining contact with the individuals they are befriending by telephone. Our volunteer Co-ordinator, Ryan Taylor, continues to support this service. If you have an interest in this service Ryan can be contacted via the telephone number 0793 203 9801.

Dochas Counselling Team

The dedicated Counselling Team are currently offering online and telephone counselling to unpaid carers and their families, those who have been bereaved or those living with a long term or terminal condition. During the Covid-19 crisis, the Team have also set up a telephone support service for anyone feeling anxious or struggling during lockdown.

For further information or to arrange an appointment, please telephone Alison Whitefield, Lead Counsellor, on 07432 231217 or contact the service via counselling@dochasfund.org.uk or message the Dochas Facebook page. We are here to support you.



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We have regular information and updates on our facebook page mid Argyll youth development services.

Online support is also available on www.cool2talk.org.

Contact 07788900049 or

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Pioneering oyster plan seeks schools' support

A call is being made for schools to take part in a native oyster restoration project in Loch Craignish.

Over the next five years the charity Seawilding is planning to restore the native oyster beds at the loch with an exciting plan to reintroduce one million native oysters.

The protected species was once prevalent in most of Scottish sea lochs but predation, disease and bottom trawling have destroyed most populations.

It is now recognised native oyster beds are an important part of the local marine eco-system. Each oyster can filtrate and clean up to 200 litres of water a day, and the native oyster reefs enhance biodiversity by becoming fish spawning grounds and nurseries.

Back in March Seawilding secured a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant to grow

young native oysters over a five-year period in floating baskets on the loch. When they are semi-mature, the oysters will be moved to trial seabed sites around Loch Craignish, where it is hoped they will become a self-sustaining population.

Project co-ordinator Danny Renton told the Advertiser: "This is a pioneering project, driven by the Craignish community. Loch Craignish was once a rich environment for native oysters and scallops in particular, but bottom trawling since the 1980s has destroyed much of the seabed. Our community wants to reverse that. We hear a lot about rewilding, but there's little action been taken so far with restoration of marine habitats – so what we are doing at Loch Craignish is an exciting opportunity to show that marine rewilding and reintroduction of priority marine species is possible."



Local children are spellbound as young oysters are moved in Loch Craignish.

The project is teaming up with Scottish Association of Marine Science (SAMS) and the Department of Aquaculture from Stirling University to enable 20 marine science students to monitor, survey and research the restoration efforts over the

next five years. To kick off the project, the charity along with local partner Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation and the Ardferrn Yacht Centre, has been introducing native oysters in suspended cages under the pontoons of the yacht centre.

When schools open in

August, Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation will be working with pupils to monitor the oysters in the cages, measuring their growth and recording biodiversity.

Oly Hemmings and Pete Creech, the organisation's rangers, initially want pupils from five local primary schools to get involved in this exciting project.

Any schools interested can email Oly and Pete at info@heartofargyllwildlife.org for further information. The educational objectives are fully funded by the project's funders, the National Lottery, and this includes travel to and from the project venue at Ardferrn Yacht Centre. Oly and Pete also intend to engage with older schoolchildren and community groups as the project progresses.

For further information visit www.seawilding.org or email info@seawilding.org

Cautious reintroduction of hospital visiting

Health bosses are reintroducing visiting to hospitals on a phased basis now that the coronavirus pandemic is showing signs of being contained.

While Covid-19 areas will remain as essential visiting only, other hospital inpatients are now able to have one designated visitor. All visits must be arranged in advance with the nurse or midwife in charge of the ward.

Visitors will be asked to:

- wear a face covering while inside the hospital

- clean/wash hands on arrival and before entering the ward

- maintain the recommended physical distance wherever possible, even if the person has previously been in your household or social bubble

- if you cough or sneeze, make sure you follow good hygiene practice – cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow or a disposable tissue

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or The Editor, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8NB**Support local**

Leaf through this week's edition and you will see the same point being emphasised across many stories – the importance of supporting and buying local goods and services as we come out of lockdown.

Many local businesses, charities and organisations provided vital help to communities during lockdown, so it only fair that we return the favour and use their services and keep them going in the very difficult days, weeks and months to come.

Whether you're in the habit of visiting pubs and restaurants, why not nip in for a meal or refreshment now and again? The social aspect of pubs is often underestimated and might offer the very support folk need. Talking nonsense in the public or lounge bar can be very therapeutic...

People are also being encouraged to switch to a tourist's mindset and visit local attractions to help put a bit of flesh on their bones and see them through the winter.

Buying local has knock-on environmental benefits too, often involving shorter journeys and sustainably produced local products.

Shopping local has always been important, but never more than now. If we don't use local services, we will lose them. It's as simple as that.

The following letter appeared in the Argyllshire Advertiser's sister title, the Campbelltown Courier, last week, with the reply sent since publication of Mr Redman's letter in the Courier.

SNP failing councils

The SNP is failing councils, as recent figures show that the cost of coronavirus to local authorities could hit more than £400 million.

Under the SNP essential local services have been underfunded for years, yet it is councils that are spearheading the response to this virus. Without action and proper investment from central government vital public services will be at risk.

This news of huge strain on local authority budgets comes as the SNP is delaying in opening up Scotland's hospitality and tourism industry. Instead of following other parts of the UK and opening the sector on July 4, the separatists are forcing businesses to wait until July 15.

This delay will cost businesses millions at a time when thousands of jobs are already on the line.

The SNP is risking people's livelihoods. It needs to accept responsibility for that and take action now.

**Councillor Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and the Islands.**

Ignoring elephants

People occasionally ignore the elephant in the room to support their point of view, but in his

latest letter, Councillor Alastair Redman has ignored an entire herd in his living room. In his latest rant he states that the SNP is failing councils as the cost of coronavirus could hit more than £400 million, but surely these costs would be the same no matter who was in power?

He also suggests that 'essential local services have been underfunded for years' yet fails to mention the years of needless austerity cuts, actioned by his party and their collaborators, to bail out the greedy and risky practices of the banks, which reduced funding to a devastatingly low level in general.

It is worth noting that the Scottish Government has put a greater percentage of their curtailed income into NHS Scotland than any part of the UK.

This has helped NHS Scotland to outperform all of the others, in the UK, for the past five years. This is paying dividends now.

He returns to his familiar attempt to insult by referring to citizens who want to take responsibility for making and managing decisions and working to make their country prosper within the priorities set by its citizens as 'separatists'.

I'm glad to be described as a separatist because the alternative is to be an apologist for an unrepresentative government in Westminster and to abdicate decision making to that same out-of-touch group.

It is Councillor Redman's final point, however, that demonstrates his blinkered sycophancy. His suggestion that the Scottish Government should follow the example of other parts of the UK. Could he really be saying that we should follow the chaotic shambles and incompe-

tence that has emanated from his chums at Westminster? Does he seriously think that any sensible person, irrespective of their own political affiliation and from any of the devolved nations, would swap what their government's have done for the Westminster model?

Sadly, nowhere in his missive does Councillor Redman take time to mention the health and safety of our citizens.

It is this, together with scientific advice and without political point scoring, that is driving the Scottish Government's response to this tragic pandemic.

Kevin MacKaveney, Tarbert.

Thoughtless behaviour

Following reports of littering around Argyll and Bute, including the Isle of Islay, the issue was discussed at a recent meeting of Islay Community Council where community councillors heard that items such as rubber gloves have been found dumped in ditches.

It is always very disappointing to hear about littering and flytipping, but doubly so in an area like Islay where residents take such an understandable pride in their environment.

We also need to bear in mind that items like disposable gloves can pose a threat to livestock. As well as being profoundly antisocial, this kind of behaviour can be positively harmful.

Those acting irresponsibly should remember that there can be serious consequences to their thoughtlessness.

**Donald Cameron,
Highlands and Islands MSP.**

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Scots could help by taking a trip, visiting an attraction or experience, shopping locally, dining out and booking a staycation.

Scottish tourism is facing its biggest challenge in a generation and will need financial support for some time to come to help it recover. The Scottish public has a crucial part to play in helping this happen.

It's easy to not think of yourself as a tourist in your own country but many of the experiences that we often enjoy with loved ones, such as holidays, shopping or eating out, all contribute to our visitor economy.

July 15 marked a new era for the industry as we start to welcome back visitors and take our first steps on the road to a safe and responsible recovery.

However, reopening won't be the same for all businesses, many are still adapting to this 'new normal', so it's important that we recognise that as we move forward to try and restore our industry.

We look forward to helping Scots rediscover their own country in a way that is safe for everyone - visitors, residents and those working within the industry. Recovery will require our collective efforts and we must act as one to ensure the best possible outcomes for the whole of the visitor economy.

Malcolm Roughead,
VisitScotland chief executive.

YOUR PICTURES



We're at West Loch Tarbert for our featured image this week. Tarbert's Peter Minshall took this photograph at the end of June during a spell of haar.

Peter said: 'Dun Skeig, which normally dominates this view across the loch, is completely obscured by

the haar. The Islay ferry braving this sea fret (cold fog) is reminiscent of Captain Jack Sparrow trying to get his horizon!'

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Your summer staycation garden

During the summer your garden is an extra room that can be used on a daily basis – you just need to think about what kind of room you want, whether you want some additional play space, a home entertainment area or simply to attract wildlife, it's easier than you might think to create the staycation garden of your dreams.

First, have a bit of a tidy up. Clear away bits and pieces you no longer want or need to give the feeling of space and stop using parts of the garden as 'storage' areas for old or broken garden furniture, pots or playthings.

Next, have a look at your 'garden room' backdrop. Is there enough greenery and colour, or is it time to top up with a few plants that will provide a little bit of lushness and vibrancy? If you have a smaller garden, then think about using your walls and fences as extra growing space – ideal for wall hanging pots and pouches. Not only will this leave room on the ground for lounging or playing family games, it will create a



natural, green wall that is easy to maintain and will last for a good few weeks and months.

You can still get a variety of plants that keep flowering well into late summer that add a touch of colour and drama. And if you plant some of them

in pots and containers then you can move them around to create different zones. Try mixing Salvia and Japanese Anemone alongside Cosmos with its feathery leaves and saucer-like white and pink flowers. Geraniums (also

known as Pelargonium) will keep flowering through to September/October if you look after them. Growers from Pelargonium for Europe recommend regular dead-heading and removing yellow or damaged leaves to ensure an

extended flowering season.

To keep the kids busy, think about building a bug hotel. Safe hideaways can be hard for wildlife to find in some gardens, and what better use for all your garden waste – rotting branches, sticks, old bricks and

Look on your garden as an extra summer room.

stones? If you build it properly it could shelter anything from hedgehogs to toads, solitary bees to bumblebees and ladybirds.

And finally, make sure you have the right furniture. It might be some chairs and a table, some oversized outdoor cushions and rugs, a couple of sun loungers or a hammock. With a little clever thinking, there's plenty of ways to produce the perfect living space for all the family without leaving the house.

And while you are enjoying your newly created staycation haven, don't forget that there are still a few jobs to be done in the garden when you have a moment! Here are some top tips for this month from the Royal Horticultural Society.

- Deadhead flowering plants regularly
- Watering – particularly containers and new plants
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Ann Thomas 2020

Social distancing – problem solved

Scotland officially entered phase three of the easing of coronavirus lockdown on Friday July 10.

The two metre social distancing rule remains in place, though since Wednesday July 15, indoor restaurants, cafes and pubs have been able to reopen and can be granted an exception to the two metre distancing requirement. This, however, requires measures such as clear information for customers, revised seating plans to be in place, and all hospitality venues are required to record contact details of customers.

And if schools return on August 11 as expected, social distancing is likely to be highly important.

This week the Argyllshire Advertiser's artistic contributor Ann Thomas muses on a straightforward method of keeping folk two metres, or six foot, apart.

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Safety measures to protect staff and customers are being put in

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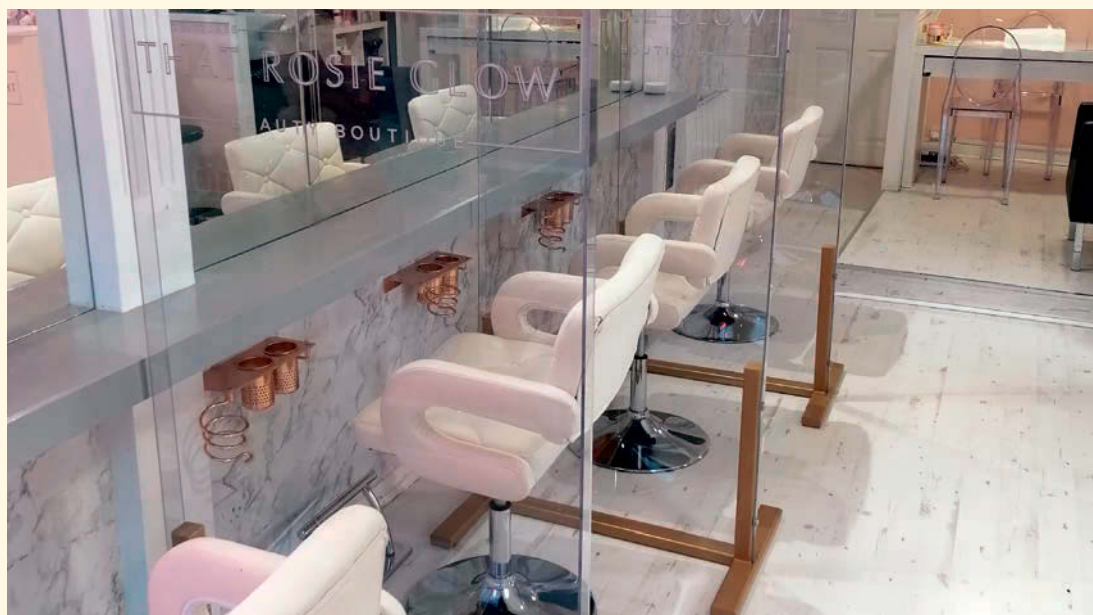
place, with people asked to be sensible, continue to

follow social distancing messages and stay close to home to support local business.

To help people plan days out, the UK Government has launched the Know

Before You Go website at visitbritain.com/gb/en/know-before-you-go

Here, we look at what action businesses have taken to ensure we can all enjoy summer safely.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT: That Rosie Glow hair and beauty salon opens up again on July 15.

'I want to ensure clients and staff feel safe returning to the salon'

CASE STUDY THAT ROSIE GLOW

EDINBURGH HAIR and beauty salon That Rosie Glow is preparing to open for business on July 15 after almost four months of closure due to the coronavirus lockdown.

A number of safety measures will be in place to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 when the business opens.

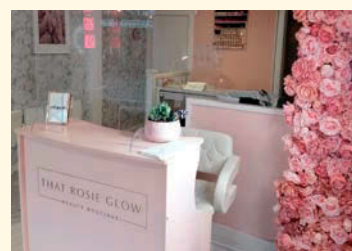
The salon has already installed clear screens between each treatment station, and at the reception desk.

Customers and staff will be asked to wear face coverings, and customers will be requested to visit the salon alone where possible, and arrive on time rather than early to reduce time spent in the waiting area. They will have to keep their coats and belongings with them instead of them being hung up by

staff, and there will be no magazines or refreshments available.

Each station and any equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned between customers, and clean towels or gowns will be used with each one.

Salon owner Rosie Fraser said: "We closed on March 23, but we have kept our social media active and positive, and kept in touch with clients." Ms Fraser said she has tried to make the new measures as



comfortable as possible, including the screens bearing the salon's name.

She said: "I wanted to make sure the clients and also the staff felt safe coming back, and we also wanted people to feel like it's a nice experience and not too clinical.

"In this new normal we will be coming into we wanted to have safety but with style so that women still feel like they are having an enjoyable experience. Our whole ethos is to make women feel empowered, beautiful, confident and glowing not only on the outside but on the inside too. With new measures making our usual level of service and attention to detail looking likely to change we did not want to have cheap looking, temporary fixtures.

"We have had bespoke screens made with our logo engraved onto them and frames custom made and sprayed to be on brand."

THE UK Government is helping thousands of pubs, restaurants and hairdressers reopen safely with detailed practical information to help keep staff and customers safe.

The new Covid-19 secure guidance for the hospitality sector and hairdressers meant businesses were able to reopen across England on July 4, provided they met key criteria.

UK Government officials have worked alongside over 300 key industry stakeholders and trade unions to develop clear plans in line with scientific advice and public health directions, building on existing guidance published in May.

The new guidance sets out a range of measures for pubs and restaurants to become Covid-19 secure, including:

- requiring use of table service where possible instead of ordering at the bar and assigning a single staff member per table

- encouraging use of contactless ordering from tables where available, such as through an app

- discouraging non-essential trips by staff within venues, such as between the kitchen and front of house, by using radios and other electronic devices to communicate

- encouraging customers to use hand sanitiser or hand washing facilities as they enter the venue

providing clear guidance on social distancing and hygiene as people arrive on the premises, with signage and visual aids

Business Secretary Alok Sharma said: "We know this pandemic has been particularly hard for people working in hairdressing



SAFETY ADVICE: Business Secretary Alok Sharma.

and hospitality. Allowing pubs, restaurants and hairdressers to open will be another step in our plan to kickstart our economic recovery in a safe manner."

The guidance that is set out provides clear, practical steps businesses can take to open in a way that is as safe as possible for workers and customers.

Separate guidance has been published for hairdressers, which states that a clear visor should be worn by the person providing the service, covering the face and providing a barrier between the wearer and the customer from respiratory droplets caused by sneezing, coughing or speaking.

The government is also consulting with industry on how businesses should record customer information to help keep customers and employees safe and support the new test and trace system.

Guidance for your business

THE UK Government has published guidance to support businesses to reopen and keep workers and customers safe so they feel confident to return.

To find out about measures your business needs to implement to reopen safely, there is an online tool, which will direct you to guidelines specific to your type of workplace

at gov.uk/coronavirus-business-reopening.

If you run a business and would like to know which of the coronavirus support schemes you are eligible for, you can use the business support finder tool. It takes just minutes to complete and will help you easily find support for your business.

visitbritain.com/gb/en/know-before-you-go to plan your days out

following official advice



LOOKING UP: Corgi co-owner Chris Jones.

CASE STUDY CORGI

WHEN LOCKDOWN was announced, luxury knitwear company Corgi knew they had the experience to get through the Covid-19 crisis.

The Welsh firm – which has a Royal Warrant from the Prince of Wales – has ridden many an economic downturn in its illustrious 128-year-old history. Co-owner Chris Jones, who is great-great grandson of the company's founder, said: "We take a view that you can get through anything. I think it

'Orders starting to pick up once again'

makes it easier because we've been through crises before."

It helped that the Ammanford-based firm had been through five fantastic years before coronavirus struck. In March they furloughed 50 of their 65 staff but now many are returning as orders begin to pick up. Corgi

makes hand-finished wool, cotton and cashmere socks and other knitwear and Chris said: "Normally we run two shifts on the sock machine, so we kept going with one. Next week going back to one and a half shifts – we're going to have the other knitters coming in some of the time."

With shops reopening, old customers are beginning to ask for new sales catalogues and Chris expects business to pick up properly in around a month.

What has helped the business survive more than anything though was the package of financial help the Government made available.

Chris said: "The furlough scheme has practically saved us. Without it, we'd have been in a lot of trouble or we'd have managed but we'd have had to let a lot of people go."

Haircuts return with new safety measures

CASE STUDY THE BARBER'S DEN

HAIRDRESSER AND barber Claire McKittrick faced worrying times when she had to close her salon The Barber's Den, which also houses the Hairdresser's Den.

But Claire, her staff and her customers are delighted that the Lisburn business is reopening after putting safety measures in place.

Claire first opened the Barber's Den four years ago and such was its popularity she also decided to expand to include The Hairdresser's Den for all the ladies of Lisburn.

When they had to put the business on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was an understandably worrying time for Claire and her staff.

She said: "I am heavily pregnant. I'm 37 weeks now. When I found out the salon had to close the first thought

was stress, panic, and what is going to happen to my clients. We closed early. We have about 30 to 40 clients a day so that is a lot of footfall and I had a real concern about safety."

Claire and her team have been busy getting the salon ready to welcome back her valued customers.

With the rearrangement of the salon to allow social distancing, the introduction of PPE, risk assessment and team training, Claire is ready for the influx of people who are desperate for a haircut after the long months of lockdown.

Claire said: "The guidelines are good. We have posters up with the guidelines on them and I have held a team meeting to carry out a risk assessment and explain to the staff what is expected of them."

"Hand sanitisers have been installed and everywhere has been thoroughly cleaned."



HAPPY DAYS: Claire McKittrick and her staff are reopening The Barber's Den with rigorous safety measures in place.*



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Keep your MOJO flowing until 2021

Musicians are wanted to play in Argyll's next fabulous festival of original music, writes Colin Cameron.

The organisers of the fourth MOJO festival at Craignish Village Hall have been forced to postpone until the spring of next year due to coronavirus, but artists and bands with Argyll connections – and of any musical flavour – are in demand to showcase their talent.

The event's founder, Dan Sloan-Griffiths, said: 'It's

been a tough year all round as we have all had to work out how to deal with COVID-19. Throughout it all, we remained optimistic of being able to bring MOJO 2020 to your eyes and ears – after all, we all need things to look forward to. Sadly, we must now take the difficult decision to postpone this year's showcase.

He added: 'With fingers and drumsticks firmly crossed, we are rescheduling MOJO for spring 2021 on a soon-to-be-announced date.

'With this in mind, we are also extending our deadline for demo submissions to December 17, after which we will announce the new event line-up.'

The basic criteria are:

- Your music must be original – no covers
- You can perform a 30-40 minute set of your own music
- You are from, or have strong connections with, Argyll
- You or your band are aged 16 and over

To apply, musicians are asked to send a short description of their music accompanied with a demo – video, EP, Soundcloud, Youtube, are all accepted - to the MOJO Argyll Facebook page. Previous MOJO artists can re-apply, provided it is with new material.

Dan continued: 'As ever, we extend our thanks to all our volunteers, friends and fans for their help, support and appreciation of our pure original live musicians – you guys are the best crowd ever.



Giving it some welly in 2019, Oban band 4Below. 06_a43MOJO05

'We also send out to all our past, present and future performers a huge cheer for all the magic moments, entertainment and inspiration they give us.

'Please please keep your creative MOJO flowing – we

can't wait to hear you blow us away again. Until we see you all again – be smart, stay safe, stay tuned.'

MOJO is a non-charitable, non-funded and not-for-profit volunteer venture. All proceeds from the bar

and ticket sales, once show costs are deducted, are split between the evening's performers.

For more information visit the MOJO Argyll Facebook page or call Dan on 01546 602429.



The Brambelles performing at MOJO 2018. 51_a43MOJO10

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The time for change is now

In last week's edition we reported on a meeting between Argyll campaigners and the region's MP, Brendan O'Hara, to press for change in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

The campaign group, known as Time for Change – Argyll and Bute, believes it is time to put people, climate and nature at the heart of the UK's recovery.

For the next few weeks we will publish the views of some of the people who attended the meeting with Mr O'Hara.

We open with the thoughts of 22-year-old Freya Aitchison. Freya is from Tayvallich and is studying anthropology at the University of Edinburgh. These are her thoughts in summary.

This isn't really a campaign, it's just the things that we should all be thinking about if we want Argyll – and the world – to be a recognisable place for our children and grandchildren to live in.

The economic crisis could be seen as an opportunity to get started on the work that we know needs to happen.

I think that many people in Argyll could continue to work from home; people who have lost their jobs could be retrained, or use their existing skills to do the work that is necessary for Argyll to become carbon-neutral. Walking and cycling infrastructure needs to be improved, trees can be planted, and renewable energy can be expanded and made more efficient.

People in Argyll could also focus on becoming more politically engaged.

Transport and food are the most obvious areas for behavioural change in Argyll. We need to be promoting the benefits of electric cars and making them preferable to petrol or diesel cars.

We can easily bring food production and consumption closer together by shopping and eating more locally and more naturally. Farming in Argyll is generally quite low impact, but does not have the capacity to feed everyone in the area, meaning that we have to buy in meat which is less sustainably farmed to make up the difference. If everyone ate only the meat that is produced locally, we could dramatically reduce the emissions caused from the transport of imported meat, as well as supporting our local market and ensuring that

it remains natural and sustainable. Reducing food waste is also an easy behavioural change.

Acting on climate change is all about thinking of others. Across the globe, the people who see the most adverse effects of climate change so far are those who are already marginalised and vulnerable.

Kindness and common decency indicate that we must act with the needs of these people in mind, with the knowledge that if we do not act, 'these people' will soon become us and our children.

One thing that I think would make a huge difference would be if we all took 'our whole selves' to work with us.

Moral thinking

What if world leaders were constantly thinking: 'what would my children say about my role in this decision?' This kind of moral thinking would make a huge difference in the future of industry and politics, and the more we educate the next generation, the more influence they will have on their parents.

Everyone can make changes such as cutting down on their meat and dairy consumption, shopping locally, reusing plastic containers, recycling, composting, reducing food waste, buying fewer new things, using a renewable energy supplier, and cutting down or cutting out air travel.

At the Paris Agreement in 2016, 196 nations decided to take measures to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels. Our current behaviour will not allow for this.

A rise of two degrees celsius above pre-industrial levels will mean that large areas of land around the equator will be uninhabitable, resulting in huge numbers of refugees fleeing for their survival.

Sea level rise caused by the rapid melting of the ice caps

will mean that small island states such as Kiribati and Tuvalu will be submerged. The combination of the loss of arable land and ocean acidification due to temperature increase will mean global food shortages, such that we have never seen before.

The rich will still be able to buy food, but those who are already marginalised and vulnerable will find it increasingly difficult to access basic amenities such as food and clean water, further stretching the inequality gap.

It's not too late to make

changes, but it soon will be. We all need to have climate change in the forefront of our minds when making any kind of decision, be it personal or business. It is an omnipresent issue and every decision, however big or small, will have an effect.

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FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN IN SCOTLAND'S SHOPS AND ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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By wearing one in shops and on public transport you can feel confident that you're helping to protect yourself, staff and others.



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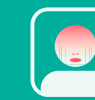
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Freya Aitchison.



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Are aircraft vapour trails harmful?

Although much reduced by the coronavirus pandemic, everyone has seen the vapour trails produced by high-flying aircraft as they streak across the sky. But what are they? and are they harmful?

Officially called contrails (short for condensation trails), these ephemeral, cloud-like structures are primarily made of ice crystals. They form at altitudes over 8,000 metres from water vapour in the aircraft's engine exhaust as it freezes almost instantaneously at temperatures below minus 36 degrees celsius. There are, however, plenty of other volatiles and solid components in engine exhaust, including soot particles that often act as a nucleus around which the ice crystals form.

Official figures show that air traffic contributes around five per cent of greenhouse gases. Yet these estimates only account for CO2 emissions. They do not include the effect of contrails, which can persist

for hours and even expand into cirrus clouds several miles wide. These clouds, which are most abundant over North America and Europe, trap heat within Earth's atmosphere, so do they improve our climate or contribute to global warming?

Air traffic has been steadily increasing year-on-year, so, assuming the coronavirus effect is a temporary one, estimates suggest that the distance flown by passengers will double every 15 years, and that air traffic will quadruple by 2050. Therefore, it is imperative to determine how the increase in clouds created by contrails might affect us.

In a recent study*, scientists used a climate model to analyse the future impact of contrails on climate change, taking into account their predicted increase balanced against any likely changes in engine soot emissions.

The results show a three-fold increase in contrail cirrus coverage by 2050, despite a

50 per cent reduction in soot emissions due to improved fuel and engine efficiency. These predictions cover all major air traffic routes and are mostly due to increased air traffic volume, although a shift to flying at higher altitudes also contributes. The area with the greatest increase will be Eastern Asia, where the largest rise in air traffic is expected.

This previously unaccounted for, non-CO2, climate impact of air traffic is now reckoned to have a more damaging effect on climate change than all the CO2 emitted from aircraft engines. *Atmos. Chem. Phys., 19, 8163-74. 2019

The familiar sight of aircraft trails in the skies. Photograph: Nestek

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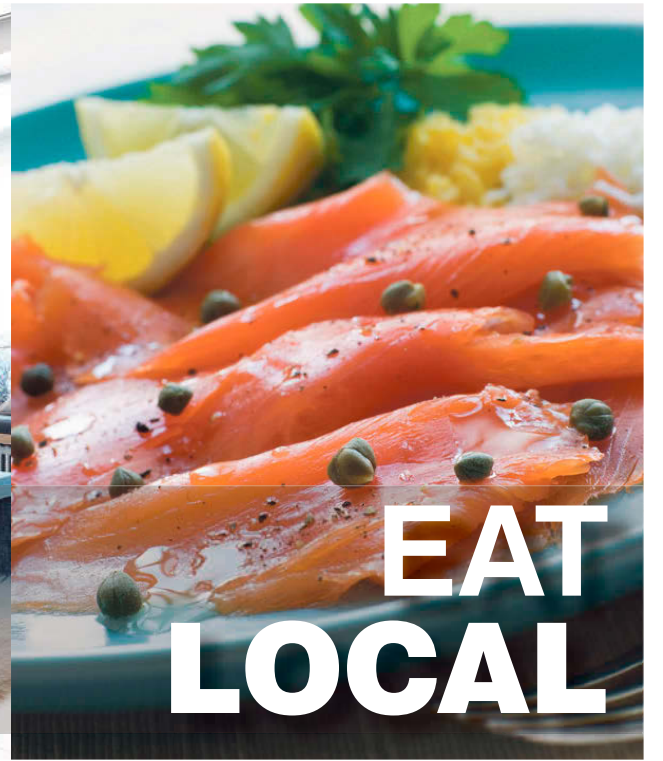
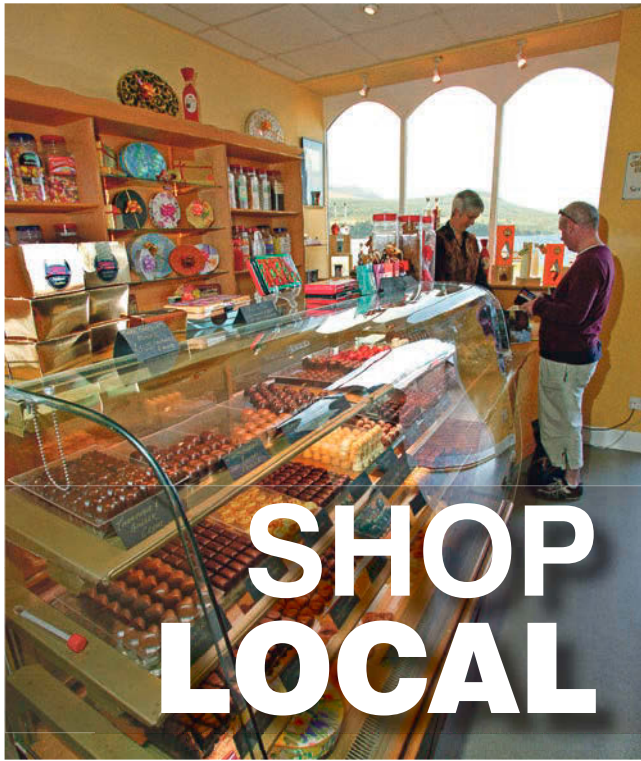
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People must, by law, wear a face covering in retail environments and on public transport and public transport premises, such as airports, train and bus

stations. This applies to open air train stations, but not to bus stops. (www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-staying-safe-and-protecting-others/pages/face-coverings/) Please spare a thought that by supporting local shops, be they locally owned or national retailers, you are sustaining the local economy. They all employ local people and sustain families. Yes, it's easy to click, click, click online, but if we don't support our own local shops, restaurants, and pubs,

they may not be sustainable. ■ Supporting the economy! – Research shows that for every £1 spent with a small or medium-sized business, 63p stayed in the local company. ■ It is the ethical choice! – When you shop at the local butchers, bakers, farm shops and producers, it is likely that a percentage of the produce has had a short journey, less packaging and contains more nutrients. ■ Unique is the best! – Independent shops often sell locally-made gifts that aren't

available in more commercial outlets. Local shops also support artists and designers, local authors and artisans. Buy something unique to your area!

■ Charity matters! – Local businesses often hold charity events, social groups and community gatherings in aid of charities that are closer to home to the benefit of the community.

Let's help keep our area a safe place and please remember the Scottish advice on face coverings.

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Face coverings must be worn in Scotland's shops and public transport

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Looking forward to seeing you!

For everyone who has been missing their regular trip to Glenbarr Stores for lunch, coffee and cake, the wait is now over!

In preparation for the grand restaurant reopening tomorrow (Saturday July 18), proprietors Zofia and Eleanor and their team have been busy baking to make sure there are plenty of your favourites, and working hard to make sure the restaurant is looking fantastic inside and out, ready for your return.

While bookings are essential, you are guaranteed a warm welcome and excellent home-cooked local produce.

Glenbarr Stores has set up both inside and outside seating, and staff would like to reassure customers that they are strictly adhering to government guidelines. Zofia and Eleanor said: 'We'll meet you, seat you, tell you we've missed you and that you've not changed a bit. Chat about the menu, feed you and then say

cheerio until the next time.

'Bookings are essential. We are allowing an hour and a half for your lunch reservation, giving you time to relax and enjoy the company, food and ambiance, or one hour for coffee and cake.

'To stick with Covid guidelines, can we ask customers to please wear face coverings until you're seated and when moving about the cafe.'

Seating at the restaurant will be limited and staff are asking

that customers are patient with them while they navigate this new normal. Their top priority is to ensure all their customers have a safe and enjoyable visit to Glenbarr Stores. In line with Government guidelines staff will require the contact details of the person making the booking. Bookings can be made via email: glenbarrstores@outlook.com, phone: 01583 421200 or Facebook message, www.facebook.com/glenbarrstores



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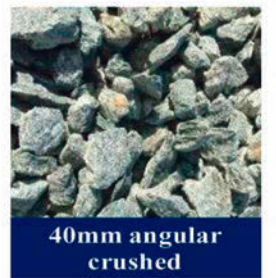


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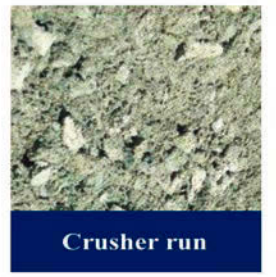
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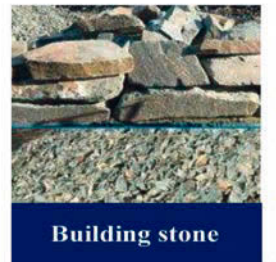
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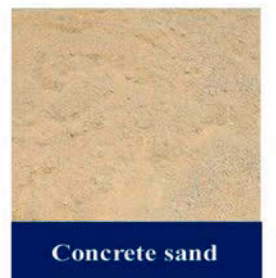
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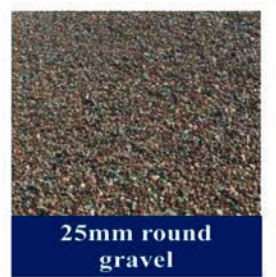
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When Inveraray (might have) had a railway

Letters dating back to the first half of the 19th century reveal that there was once a proposed railway line to Inveraray from Dalmally.

Letters in the Inveraray Castle archives, housed at the estate's Cherry Park, shed some light on why the seventh and eighth Duke of Argyll each opposed the building of this branch line across their lands.

In 1845, the seventh duke was 'quite confounded at the mania of the people of Inveraray and Oban, proposing a plan of a rail road by Inveraray and Oban to all the world, to carry a few black cattle and salt herring...pray assure them of my unqualified opposition, in and out of parliament to such a wild goose plan...'

Lord Lorne, his son and the future eighth Duke of Argyll, was also unhappy about 'this ridiculous railway scheme'. In 1847, he wrote: 'The country presents obstacles which if superable at all are so only by an enormous outlay.

'...I cannot conceive the difference of level between Loch Awe and the top of the Cladich hill being surmounted unless by a tunnel of most preposterous length and difficulty.

'The traffick except during the tourist months would be chiefly if not entirely confined to sheep and cattle...and... there are already natural facilities of water carriage greater than is possessed by any county in Scotland.

'Inveraray is resorted to chiefly on account of its beauty - which would not be improved by a railway passing up Glenarary - as to its amenity as a family residence, cutting



John, seventh Duke of Argyll.

up Glenarary would be a most serious damnification. It is now one of the most beautiful drives in the place, and as a drive it would be destroyed.'

The line from Glasgow to Oban took 15 years to build and finally opened in 1880, proving extremely popular with holidaymakers for many years. The proposed branch line from Dalmally to Inveraray was never built, despite plans to 'hide' the railway from the duke's view. A plan from 1897 shows a proposed tunnel to carry the line through the duke's policies near to the castle. This proposal, like many others, was defeated in the House of Lords.

Instead, provision was made at Dalmally for a waiting room, the 'Duke's Room', at Dalmally Station where visitors arriving by train could await the arrival of a carriage in comfort.

This is just one of innumerable fascinating stories stored within the Argyll Papers, the family and estate archive of the Campbell family, dukes of Argyll.

The Friends of the Argyll Papers was established to support the development of

the archive and to promote its use and enjoyment by a wide audience.

It has been described as one of the most important private archives in Britain, offering a rich resource for Scottish and British history from the 13th to the 21st centuries. Prior to the pandemic it was attracting visitors from all over the world, researching a wide range of subjects including family and local history, Gaelic studies, place names, military history,

political history, economic and social history, agriculture and industry, architecture and more.

You can support the preservation and development of this important archive by joining the Friends via the group's website, and more information is available on the Friends of The Argyll Papers Facebook page.

Article written by archivist for the Argyll Papers, Alison Diamond



A plan showing the proposed tunnel (circled) to hide the railway from Dalmally to Inveraray from the Duke's view when passing through his policies.

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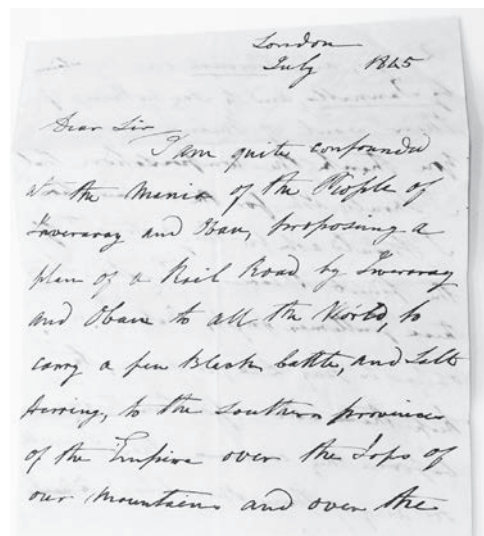
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The first page of the letter from the seventh Duke of Argyll expressing his opinion on the proposed railway to Oban, 1845.

Council meetings are set to continue online

Councillors have approved plans which are set to see no face-to-face council meetings held in Argyll and Bute until at least October.



At a full council meeting held via Skype on Tuesday June 30, members agreed to continue the activities of the Business Continuity Committee (BCC) until a further review on Thursday September 24.

The BCC has been conducting the business of the council, which primarily would be dealt with by the policy and resources committee, since the end of March when it was established due to Covid.

However, other core council committees, including community services and environment, development and infrastructure, will resume

from September – but again on a virtual basis.

The council's four area committees will also meet during September, again using computer software instead of meeting in person. After September, the next scheduled meeting of any council committee is policy and resources on Thursday October 15.

During discussion of the proposals, Councillor Robin Currie said: 'The vast majority of us have been following the Scottish Government route map and will have noted that phase four is in a few weeks' time, at the end of July. I take it that we take that into account when we put these proposals forward? At that time, people hopefully can travel the world and do a lot of things we were used to doing.'

Executive director Douglas Hendry responded: 'As it stands at the moment, and this may be what is underneath Councillor Currie's question, the Scottish Government may speed up or even, hopefully not, slow down progress through the different phases. I would also make the point that even phase four is not an unrestricted return to pre-Covid operations, so travelling the world might be a bit ambitious.'

'I certainly would hope that things will be less restricted, but it could be that there are still difficulties, for example in arranging a pre-Covid meeting of the full council, if we still have to observe social distancing.'

'If we accept these recommendations, it puts in place a full slate of meetings that will allow us to do business and look at it again in September.'

In response to a question from council leader Aileen Morton,

Mr Hendry also confirmed that the next BCC meeting is planned for Thursday August 13, when policy and resources would have taken place. The council is in summer recess during July. The council's planning, protective services and licensing committee has already resumed virtual meetings, as has the Argyll and Bute licensing board.

Depute Provost Roddy McCuish, chairing the meeting in the absence of Provost Len Scoullar, also delivered a message to all councillors as they broke up for summer.

He said: 'Thanks to all council staff and volunteers who have worked so hard to help us through this terrible pandemic.'

'The months ahead will be challenging but we must show true leadership to help those who need us most at this time. By working together, we will come through this very well.'

Economic recovery 'depends on better broadband'

The economic recovery of Argyll and Bute needs 'high quality' digital connectivity because of the reliance on online access during the pandemic, according to one Kintyre councillor.



Councillor Alastair Redman.

Despite businesses, councils and communities using the essential service during lockdown, it still suffered from gaps in 'quality and coverage,' according to Islay-based councillor Alastair Redman, policy lead for economic growth at Argyll and Bute Council.

He said a 'reliable network' had been essential for the local authority to provide vital services but gaps need to be addressed 'as quickly as possible'.

The council is working with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in Westminster. This is towards funding to extend full fibre into some of the most rural and unconnected communities.

In addition, as part of a wider funding bid, Argyll and Bute is submitting an application to a DCMS competition – 5G Create, which sees up to £30 million of government fund-

ing available 'to explore and develop' new use-cases and 5G technical capabilities.

Projects of between £250,000 to a maximum of £5 million can be funded, if successful.

The council does not have responsibility for delivering digital infrastructure across the area but said it 'actively engages' with those responsible.

Donald Cameron, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, has said the region risks being left behind other parts of Scotland due to legal problems threatening the roll-out of superfast broadband to the region.

He said communities were 'at risk' of being kept in a 'digital stone age'.

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Ingredients

400g dried spaghetti

Small handful of fresh chives, finely snipped

Method:

1. Cook the spaghetti according to the pack instructions. Drain well and return to the saucepan.
2. Meanwhile, place a large non-stick frying pan over a high heat. Add the bacon and dry-fry for 2-3 minutes, then turn off the heat.
3. Lightly beat the eggs, season lightly and stir in the fromage frais, 1 level tbsp Parmesan and most of the chives.
4. Add the bacon to the drained spaghetti and mix well over a low heat, then remove from the heat and stir in the egg mixture. Toss thoroughly so that the eggs thicken in the residual heat, making a sauce that coats the pasta.
5. Divide the spaghetti between 4 bowls, then divide over the remaining Parmesan and chives. Serve hot.

4 tbsp fat-free natural fromage frais

6 back bacon rashers, visible fat removed

2 level tbsp grated fresh Parmesan

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Rough ride ahead for roads needing repaired in Argyll

Argyll and Bute Council is facing a struggle if it is ever to lose its tag as having the most roads in need of repair in Scotland, the council's chief executive has admitted.

Pippa Milne was reacting to a recent report by Audit Scotland which stated that the area has the highest percentage of roads needing repair in the country.

The report, which said that the council was improving but needed to do more, was discussed at a full council meeting conducted via Skype on Thursday June 30.

And after a councillor said that the watchdog's mention of the area's roads network was 'a standout point' for him from the report, Ms Milne said that although improvements had taken place, a battle still lay ahead.

Councillor Donnie

McMillan said: 'One thing that came to me was that the roads in Argyll and Bute are the highest in need of repair in Scotland. Is there any reason why they are mentioned there, and how does the council plan to resolve this situation?'

Ms Milne said: 'This has been an issue we have had for some time - we have been on the bottom of the leader board, but we have been among the fastest improving. Because of the investment made in roads, we have taken some real steps forward. If I can give a layperson's view, the measurement they make of roads is in the undulation from side to side and up and down.'

'One issue we have is that many of our roads started as tracks and are not fully engineered, so will be steeply inclined. With the current measurements, we will struggle

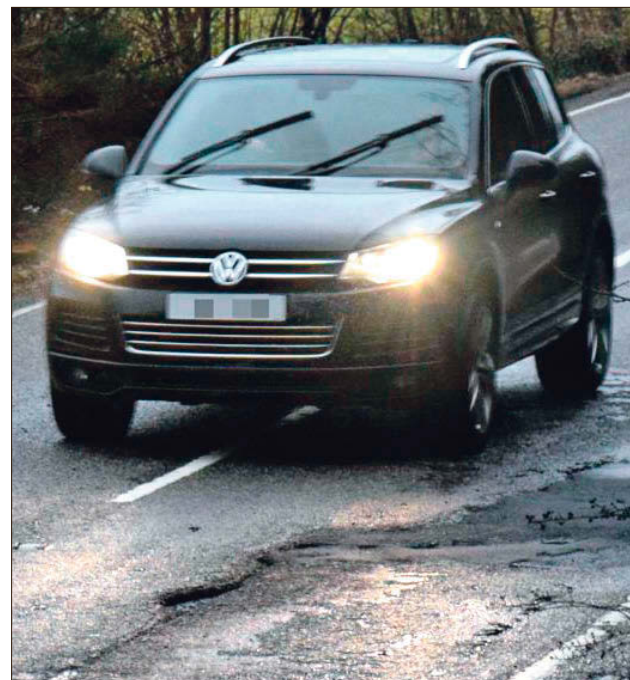
to ever get off the bottom of the leader board. This is one where we need to take a view of what we want to see.'

'We could resurface a road on one of our islands and it could in our view be a very good finish, but it could still score less well than a potholed road in a city.'

'We have made some significant progress, but unfortunately the only real way to make inroads is through significant investment. That is challenging with the budgets and capital we have at our disposal.'

The Audit Scotland report, issued in May, said: "For road classes A, B and C, the council has the highest percentage of roads in need of repair of all councils in Scotland."

Audit Scotland's 2016 report Maintaining Scotland's roads notes that the condition of



A driver avoiding a pothole on the A83 in Kintyre.

Argyll and Bute's roads improved between 2011/12 and 2014/15 but that it was not spending enough in 2014/15 to maintain the existing condition. Spending on roads has declined between 2014/15 and 2017/18.

The council has the fifth lowest density of A class roads of all Scottish councils - 0.11 miles per square mile, compared to an average of 0.26 miles. Approximately 23 per cent of Argyll and Bute's roads are constructed on peat, which means the roads are prone to movement. Where roads are in need of repair, the council's strategy is to use surface dressing techniques rather than full reconstruction.

Trunk roads in the area are managed by Transport Scotland and maintained by BEAR Scotland as part of its north west trunk roads unit.



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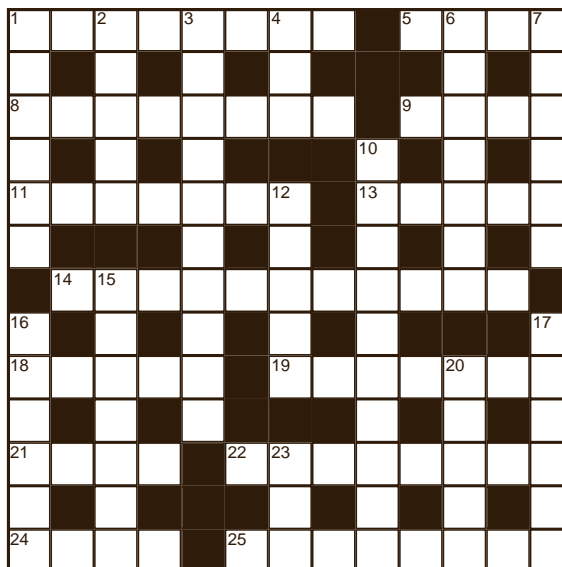


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Double Crossword

The puzzles are different but both use the same grid



Cryptic Across

- The man is in a low place clinging (8)
- Not much of a fall? (4)
- Ponder taking strong drink during tea break (8)
- Coming from Laos too (4)
- Solitary T-shirt (7)
- In a fax remarkably removing ten from canteen (5)
- Angry archers? (11)
- Initially have fever in the Netherlands (5)
- Number nearly complete exercise for plant organ (7)
- Very small quiet cry (4)
- Apples perhaps I am working to bring to a ripe state (8)
- Heard brook in north Wales resort (4)
- Concern shown in street repair (8)

Cryptic Down

- One vote on the other side (6)
- Being a person (5)
- Made notes for girls about shades (10)
- Tax the Conservatives concealed (3)
- Free to renew the tenancy (7)
- Long-winded golfer left before nine (6)
- Rough ocean winds producing wintry weather (4,3,3)
- Patti, Beth and others entered mountainous region (5)
- Mischievousness of removing rouge lines (7)
- Rain indicator (6)
- Heavenly body dishing up polenta, nothing less (6)
- Rear lift (5)
- Move quickly from Corunna (3)

Quick Across

- Make less severe (8)
- Small tuft (4)
- Pupils (8)
- Mimicked (4)
- Samson's mistress (7)
- Alter (anag.) (5)
- Aloof (11)
- Large US state (5)
- Cricketer (7)
- Kiss lightly (4)
- Spherical (8)
- German river (4)
- Became visible (8)

Quick Down

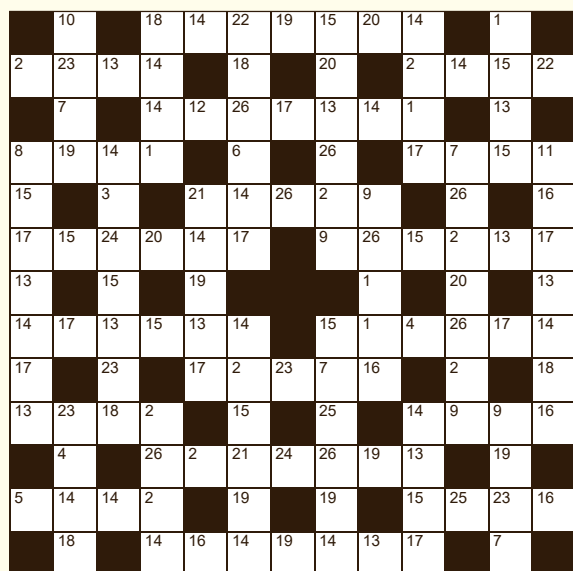
- Illness (6)
- Follow (5)
- Mildness (10)
- Rocky height (3)
- Forward momentum (7)
- Short oar (6)
- Rewarding (10)
- Nuclear weapon (1-4)
- Vehicle for hire (7)
- Paper fastening (6)
- Trapped (6)
- Grinding tooth (5)
- Circuit (3)

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CROSS CODE



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
14	E	15	16	S	17	18	19	20	21	B	22	23	24	25	26

Each number in the Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

Quiz Challenge

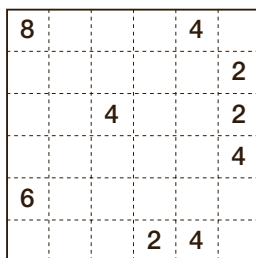
- Catherine Hogarth, who had 10 children, was the wife of which famous English writer?
- On a ship, what S are holes in the side of the deck to allow water to drain off?
- Which poet had the first names Wystan Hugh?
- Which detective, a creation of Margery Allingham, lives at 17A Bottle Street, Piccadilly, London?
- Four British politicians vying to become prime minister are the subjects of which Jeffrey Archer novel?



Selena Gomez - see Question 7

- Seven volcanic peaks on a shield supported by two dogs appear on the coat of arms of which island group?
- "You ain't gotta worry, it's an open invitation" is a lyric from which UK top 10 single by Selena Gomez?
- Spanish actress Penelope Cruz is married to which Spanish actor?
- What M is the fleshy outer covering of nutmeg, dried as a spice?
- Born in Canada, which football pundit for BT Sports played for Bayern Munich and Manchester United?

BOX CLEVER



Fill the 6x6 grid with as many boxes as there are numbers printed. Each box must be either square or rectangular and must contain just one of the numbers. The numbers show how many squares there should be in each box.

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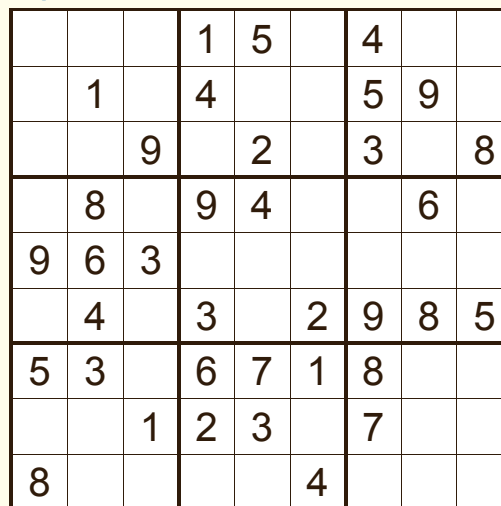
The answers to the following five questions contain a word or words which have a common theme. Can you find the link?

- Which city, once known to Europeans as 'The Gateway to Asia', is now the capital of Ukraine?
- Which battle, fought in Piedmont in 1800, drove the Austrians from Italy and sealed Napoleon's position as First Consul of France?
- What is the Italian word for a hunter?
- Which state of the USA is known as the Bluegrass State?
- What name is given to lumps of natural gold found by prospectors?

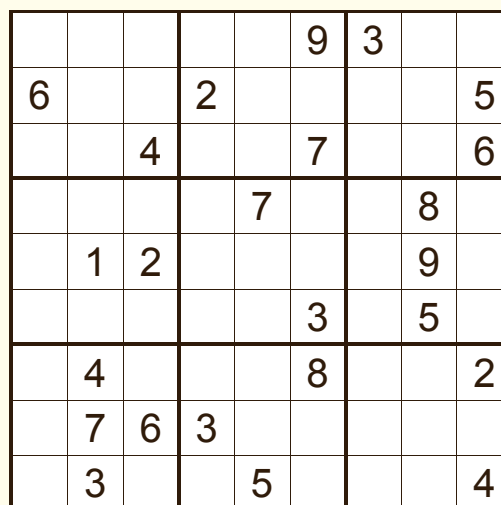
SUDOKU

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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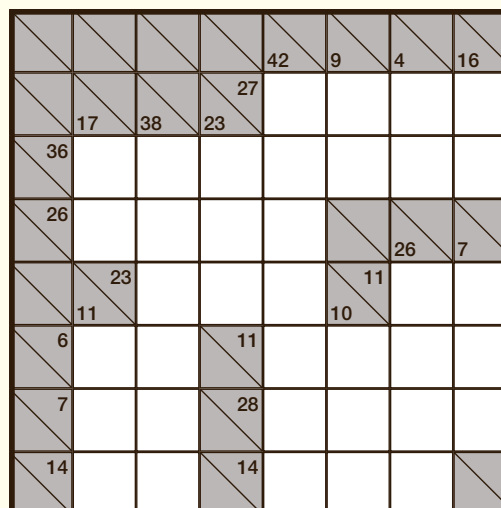


Hard



KAKURO

Fill in the blank squares in the grid with numbers so that each horizontal or vertical line adds up to the total given in the box either to the left or above it. Horizontal totals are given in the top right corners of the shaded boxes; vertical totals in the bottom left corners. You can use the numbers 1 to 9, but may not use the same number more than once in any run. The number may be used again, however, in the same row or column but as part of another run.



SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD:
 Across - 1 Adhesive; 5 Drop; 8 Runmate; 9 Also; 11 Singlet; 13 Nair; 14 Crossbowman; 18 Hague; 19 Rate; 14 Standoffish; 18 Texas; 24 Tendril; 22 Weep; 22 Fruition; 24 Rhye; 25 Appeared. Down - 1 Malady; 2 Trail; 3 Gentleness; 4 Tor; 6 Human; 3 Sunglasses; 4 VAT; 6 Impetus; 7 Paddle; 10 Profitable; 12 Release; 7 Prolix; 10 Snow and ice; 12 H-bomb; 15 Taxicab; 16 Shower; 17 Planet; 20 Motar; 23 Lap.

COMMON LINK:
 1 Kiev; 2 Marengor; 3 Caccatore; 4 Niggers; 5 Kentucky; 6 Marengor; 7 Marengor; 8 Marengor; 9 Marengor; 10 Marengor; 11 Marengor; 12 Marengor; 13 Marengor; 14 Marengor; 15 Marengor; 16 Marengor; 17 Marengor; 18 Marengor; 19 Marengor; 20 Marengor; 21 Marengor; 22 Marengor; 23 Marengor; 24 Marengor; 25 Marengor.

EASY SUDOKU:
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HARD SUDOKU:
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BOX CLEVER:
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CROSS CODE:
 1 D; 2 N; 3 O; 4 V; 5 K; 6 Z; 7 W; 8 F; 9 G; 10 J; 11 M; 12 X; 13 T; 14 E; 15 A; 16 Y; 17 S; 18 R; 19 L; 20 C; 21 B; 22 P; 23 O; 24 U; 25 H; 26 I.

QUIZ CHALLENGE:
 1 Charles Dickens; 2 Scupper; 3 WH. Auden; 4 Albert Hargrave; 5 First Among Equals; 6 Canary Islands; 7 Come & Get It; 8 Javier Bardem; 9 Mace; 10 Owen

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United Auctions, Stirling sold 633 store cattle, native bred cattle and young bulls, 87 breeding cattle and 103 out of spec cattle, cast cows and bulls on Wednesday July 8.

All cows met an increased trade on the week with 19 buyers in attendance.

Beef cows averaged 150.08p per kg, and Dairy cows averaged 114.00p per kg.

Bullocks (323) – averaged 217.46p to 309.60p per kg for a 218kg BRBX from High Bellochantuy, and to £1340 for a 615kg AAX from High Unthank.

Dairy Bullocks (71) – averaged 172.72p to 206.20p per kg for a 422kg MOX from Caddell, and to £1025 for a 582kg HFX from Dykehead.

Heifers (230) – averaged 214.34p to 269.80p per kg for a 202kg BRBX from High Bellochantuy, and to £1130 for a 569kg BSX from Crookedstonemuir.

Young Bulls (9) – averaged 191.21p to 218.20p per kg for a AAX from Bows, and to £1165 for a AAX from Bows.

Beef Cows and Bulls (91) – averaged 150.08p to 208.10p per kg for a LimX from Carslae, and to £1530 for a BAX from Chapel.

Dairy Cows (10) – averaged 114.16p to 133.90p per kg for a HFX from Wester Borland, and to £1095 for a HFX from Wester Borland.

Out of Spec Cattle (2) – averaged 176.79p to 189.10p per kg for a LimX

from Glenartney, and to £1150 for a LimX from Glenartney.

Bullocks: Up to 250kgs- High Bellochantuy £675, 309.60p; 251-300kgs- Meikle Ittington £765, High Bellochantuy 268.10p; 301-350kgs- Gateside £835, High Bellochantuy 246.80p; 351-400kgs- Craigievern £980, 246.20p; 401-450kgs- Newpark £985, 233.30p; 451-500kgs- Newpark £1155, Tanhill 237.00p; 501-551kgs- Garvald Mains £1180, 226.90p; 552-601kgs- Tanhill £1200, Ballieston 211.50p; 602-651kgs- High Unthank £1340, 217.90p.

Heifers: Up to 250kgs - High Bellochantuy £600, 269.80p; 251-300kgs- Meikle Ittington £710, 257.20p; 301-350kgs- Fallside £765, 227.00p; 351-400kgs- Fisherton £890, Glenturk 225.90p; 401-450kgs- Newpark £960, Fisherton 226.30p; 451-500kgs- Fisherton £1120, 234.30p; 501-551kgs- Crookedstonemuir £1090, Candermain 205.20p; 552-601kgs- Crookedstonemuir £1130, 201.00p.

Young Bulls: 301-350kgs- Caddell £700, 214.70p; 401-450kgs- Hyndford Road £940, 216.10p; 501-551kgs- Bows £1165, 218.20p; 602-651kgs- Mossall £1150, 182.00p.

OTM Cows: £ per head- Chapel (BA) £1530, Newhouse of Glamis (CH) £1510, Woodhead of Mailler (Cont) £1450, Airthrey Kerse (Sim) £1490, Carslae (Lim) £1290, Mossall (AA) £1170, Hyndford Road (BS) £1130, Wester Borland (HF) £1095, Gibsley (SH) £1070.

PPK - Carslae (Lim) 208.10p, Mollandhu (AA) 201.90p, Laigh Alticane (Sim) 192.70p, Chapel (BA) 168.30p, Woodhead of Mailler (Cont) 161.10p, Glenartney (CH) 159.70p, Glenartney (BS) 156.10p, Hatton of Newtyle (HE) 150.70p, Gibsley (SH) 145.00p.

OTM Bulls: £ per head - Easter Frew (Lim) £1550, Peattieshill (AA) £1070.

PPK - Peattieshill (AA) 198.10p, Craigbarnet (Lim) 160.00p.

Out of Spec Cattle: £ per head- Glenartney (Lim) £1150, Glenartney (MO) £975

PPK - Glenartney (Lim) 189.10p, Glenartney (MO) 164.10p.

Breeding Cattle: Whitelaw Dispersal - SimX Cows & Bull Calves at foot £2400 x2, £2050.

AAX Cows & Heifer Calves at foot £1950 x2, £1800.

SDX Cows & Bull Calves at foot £2000.

SDX Cows & Heifer Calves at foot £1900.

AA Bull 2 ½ yo £2900.

Caledonian Marts Ltd, Stirling, sold 126 Cattle comprising of 65 Bullocks, Heifers and Young Bulls, 61 OTM Cattle on Thursday July 9.

With a smaller show forward and a good ringside of buyers present, all classes met a similar trade.

Bullocks averaged 640kg at 223p per kg and Heifers averaged 618kg at 227p per kg.

Many more are needed on a weekly basis including native breeds, which sold to 228p per kg or £1337.

Prime Heifers sold to 245ppkg on Three occasions from W Dandie & Sons, Learielaw, Broxburn, D Dickinson, Brockwoodlees, Canobie and J H & N T Turnbull, Meadowend, Clackmanan purchased by D Campbell, Butchers, Callander, T Johnston, Butchers, Falkirk and H A Black, Butchers, Stirling and to £1605 for a Limousin from D Dickinson, Brockwoodlees, Canobie purchased by J Gilvear & Sons.

Prime Bullocks sold to 238ppkg on Two occasions from J Meikle, Turniemoon, West Calder and D Dickinson, Brockwoodlees both purchased by T Johnston, Butchers, Falkirk and to £1584 for a Limousin from M Orr, Penston, Macmerry purchased by Charles Kirkpatrick.

Bulls (under 30 months) sold to 215 ppkg for a Blonde Aquitaine from L Laird & Sons, Lochhead, East Wemyss and to £1628 for a Limousin from W Dick & Sons, Mains of Throsk, Throsk.

Other Leading Prices: Bullocks per kg - 235p Mains of Cultmalundie, 232p Brockwoodlees.230p Nethermyres, Penston & Faskine.

228p Mains of Cultmalundie, Faskine & Meadowend (twice).

Heifers per kg - 242p Brock-

woodlees. 240p Meadowend & Turniemoon. 238p Learielaw (twice) & Brockwoodlees. 235p Brockwoodlees & Turniemoon

Price Per Head: Bullocks per head - £1518 Turniemoon & Mains of Cultmalundie. £1517 West Shirva. £1513 Mains of Cultmalundie. £1489 and £1485 Brockwoodlees. £1472 and £1463 Meadowend

Heifers per head - £1587 and £1577 Brockwoodlees. £1553 Meadowend. £1551 and £1532 Brockwoodlees. £1525 & £1518 Meadowend

Also forward were 61 OTM Cattle. OTM's averaged 140ppkg selling to 176ppkg for a Shorthorn from A J McDonald, Knocknaha, Campbeltown and to £1200 for a Charolais from D R Blair, Newbigging of Ceres, Cupar

Dairy Cows averaged 109ppkg selling to 146ppkg from R Nelson, Blairmains, Culross and to £1020 from the same home.

Males sold to 120p per kg for a Limousin from J W Geyer, Blairhall, Culross and to £1500 for a Charolais from D R Blair, Newbigging of Ceres, Cupar.

Other Leading Prices: Beef OTMs per kg - 175p Eden (Campbeltown). 170p Mains of Throsk. 162p Castlehill. 156p Learielaw. 153p Walton. 151p Salterhill & Castlehill

Beef OTMs per head - £1150 Learielaw. £1130 Castlehill & Broompark. £1090 Knocknaha. £1070 Walton. £1060 Mains of Throsk. £1050 & £1040 Castlehill.

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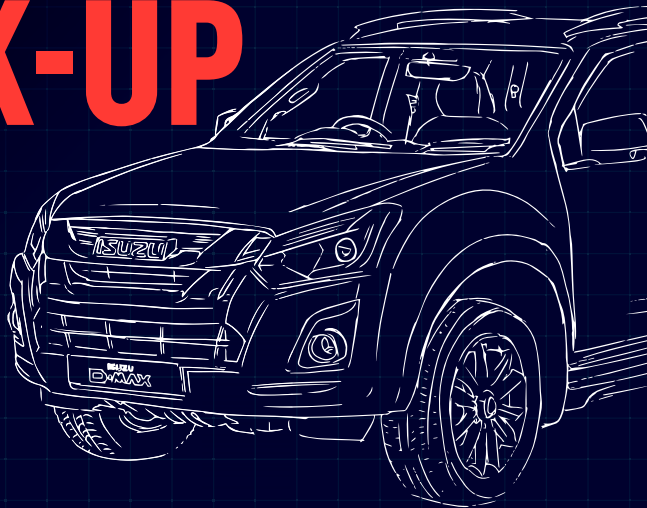


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West Highland Housing Association is a charitable organisation working in the Oban and Lorn area. We are recruiting a Housing Assistant to cover maternity leave (1 year), for our office based in Oban, but currently working from home due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

During lockdown I think we all gained a few extra indulgences to help us through the hard times.

One of mine was Liquorice Allsorts. These sweet multicoloured goodies with such variety just seemed to add a little colour to life.

As the name suggests they come in all shapes and sizes and flavours and we all like to find our favourite somewhere at the bottom of the bag.

I found worship a wee bit like this too. Churches are closed but there is great variety of services waiting out there online.

There is a Liquorice Allsorts abundance of services available to suit everyone.

Some services are like the nice rounded coconut ones, full of comfort and made to make us feel less worried.

There are the ones which have many colours for those who thrive on variety. Then there are the plain black ones for those who like traditional worship.

There are the black ones with white in the middle for those who are traditional but who don't mind a wee bit of something new occasionally.

There are pink ones and brown ones, white ones and yellow ones, something to cater for every taste.

Liquorice Allsorts worship might just be the way forward for the church.

While we ponder about whether to open our buildings under such strict conditions, which many of us feel would detract from worship, maybe we need to find new ways to touch the spiritual needs of everyone.

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I know that the services which really inspire and encourage me, may not be the same ones that do so for my neighbour.

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Aldi looking for new store locations

Aldi is on the lookout for new store locations across Scotland, and Helensburgh is in its sights along with nearby Dumbarton.

The fourth largest volume retailer in Scotland, Aldi has been on an expansion drive in recent years as it targets having 1,200 stores open across the UK by 2025.

The retailer, which currently has 92 stores in Scotland, has identified 19 new locations where it is looking for easily accessible freehold town centre or edge-of-centre sites suitable for development of around 1.5 acres and able to accommodate a 20,000 sq ft store with around 100 parking spaces.

ARGYLL AND BUTE

Live Argyll facilities starting to reopen

Former council-run facilities operated by agency Live Argyll are slowly reopening under certain conditions.

In a statement issued on Friday July 10, a Live Argyll spokesperson gave an update on its 'carefully planned phased approach' to the reopening of facilities and services over the weeks and months ahead.

The spokesperson said: 'We know that demand will be high, and we are eager to get

back to doing what we do best and serving our customers and visitors alike.

This is, however, a highly complex planning exercise given reduced capacity of our facilities due to physical distancing restrictions, enhanced cleaning regimes, staff welfare and training considerations and detailed national guidance from multiple sectors that must be followed. As a result, the way we operate our venues will be very different from before. The health and wellbeing of our customers and staff remains our most pressing priority.

Outdoor sports pitches can now be hired for children's organised groups only under revised hirer terms.

Libraries, archives and museums could have reopened from July 15, but further guidance is awaited, so libraries will remain closed for the moment. Indoor gyms, fitness and swimming pools remain closed, subject to government review on July 30.

Events and community venues and indoor school lets remain closed awaiting further guidance.

Active Schools and sports development activities will restart in the new school term on a phased basis, in line with guidance.

TAYNUILT

Electricity upgrade taking lace at Taynuilt

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Distribution is upgrading and strengthening the electricity supply to Taynuilt.

In the four-month, £1.15 million project scheduled to start in July, electrical equipment at Taynuilt substation will be replaced to improve customers' current service as well as support their future requirements.

The existing transformer supplying power to more than 500 properties in the area will be replaced, with new circuit breakers and switchboards installed to enable faster restoration of



Work will be carried out at Taynuilt.

supplies on the rare occasion that faults occur. Engineers will also install an additional transformer, future-proofing the network and adding resilience.

Scott Mackintosh, project engineer at SSEN, said: 'We've planned these works to minimise disruption to the local community, including installing key equipment at the early stages to enable us to avoid multiple planned interruptions to supplies. We are committed to doing everything we can to keep customers informed of the works as the project progresses.'

SSEN would like to remind customers they can register for its Priority Services Register (PSR) if they require extra assistance during a power cut. People can qualify for additional support if they are shielding during the coronavirus pandemic; are deaf or hard of hearing; have a disability; live with children under five; are blind or partially sighted; have a chronic illness; use medical equipment/aids reliant on electricity; or are over 60.

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DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Suddenly on June 22, 2020, Findlay Campbell, "Cammy", in his 60th year of 22 Glenfyne Crescent, Ardrishaig. Postmaster and proprietor of The Mailbox, Argyll Street, Lochgilhead. Dearly loved Dad of Naomi and Niki. Loving partner of Marie. Dear son of the late Bert and Bunty Campbell, Ardrishaig. Respected father-in-law of Callum and Louisa and adored Grumpa to Declan and Callan. Findlay was a much respected businessman who provided a vital service to all in the local community and the surrounding area. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. A private cremation service will be held at Paisley (Woodside) Crematorium today, Friday, July 17, 2020. The funeral cortege will leave from the Mailbox at 10.45a.m., for those who wish to pay their respects.

GOODWIN - Peacefully in Ardenlee Care Home on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, John (Jack) in his 81st year. Much loved dad of Audrey, John and the late Paul, father-in-law of Gilbert and Lesley, dear brother, grandfather and great-grandfather. Sadly missed.

KERR - Peacefully at home, Kerrholme, 14 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, on July 13, 2020, John Kerr, in his 86th year, loving husband and best friend of Ishbel McPherson, precious dad of Iona, John and the late

Feuna, father-in-law of Paul and adored grampa of Peter John, Feuna and the late Louise-Iona. Funeral private by invitation only.

MCNEILL - Peacefully at home, with her family by her side, on July 10, 2020, Jean McNeill, née Dunlop, aged 80 years, of Criffel, 3a Wilson Road, Lochgilhead. Beloved wife of Hamish and much loved mother of James and Jennifer. Dearly loved granny of Amy, Kirsty, Ross and Lucy, and proud great-granny of Ella and Blair. Dear sister of Flora, Tina, Nannie and the late Duncan and Catherine. Much respected mother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the extended family. A good neighbour and friend to many. A private funeral service was held at Achnabreac Cemetery on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

PEEL - Tommy Peel, sadly died following a road accident near his home in California on June 14, 2020. Survived by his wife Alice (Hughes) and son Gordon. Although resident in California for many years neither Alice nor Tommy forgot their Furnace roots.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DOTT - The family of the late Isobel Dott would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their messages of support and sympathy, and for the many cards and flowers received following their sad loss. To

all who came out and paid their respects on Mum's final journey to Kilkerran Cemetery the family are truly grateful for the kindness shown. Special thanks to the doctors, nurses and paramedics in Campbeltown and the Queen Elizabeth University hospitals. Our thanks to Rev. William Crossan for his comforting service and to Kenny and Rhys Blair for their caring and professional support.

MATHISEN - The family of the late Elsie Mathisen would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, flowers and messages of support they received following their recent sad loss. Many thanks to all those who turned out to pay their respects to Elsie on her last journey to Kilkerran Cemetery. Grateful thanks to the nurses and doctors at Campbeltown Hospital for their excellent care. Special thanks to David McEwan for his heartfelt service and to T A Blair, Funeral Directors, especially Kenny, for their professionalism and compassion.

IN MEMORIAM

HAWTHORN - Precious memories of our dear mum Cathie, who lost her fight on July 18, 2019. We miss your cheeky grin We miss our wheelchair walks We miss our zimmer arguments We miss our alarm calls We just miss you so much - it's hard We are 'jealous of the angels' Love you forever - Margaret, Zena and Billy xxxx

HAWTHORN - Gran. You taught us everything

apart from how to live without you. We miss you every day.

Love Tracy, Robert, Dean, Catriona, Kayleigh and Robert.

HAWTHORN - Miss you Gran Gran.

Love Quinn and Ruairidh.

MACMILLAN - In loving memory of my wife Fiona, mum, granny and GG, who passed away July 15, 2017.

Loved and missed every day - John and family.

MCLEAN - In loving memory of Charlie, passed away July 19, 2019. Those we love don't go away

They walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard but always near Still missed, still loved, so very dear.

- From all your loving family at home and away.

WHELTON - Inserted in loving memory of my beloved mother, Agnes Morrison McEachran Stewart (Nana), who died July 14, 1996.

Along the road of memories That leads me back to you Are thoughts of us together And the happy times we knew

And every day that passes I seem to find a way To wander back to meet you

On the road to yesterday. Sadly missed.

- Johnnie. **WILSON** - In loving memory of our precious dad, grampa and great-grampa Davie, died July 23, 2007.

A little tribute small and tender just to say we still remember.

- Gordon, Heather, Stewart, Kerry, Louise, Peter and Harvey.

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GRADUATION

Graduation Lindsay Grace Johnson

Lindsay Grace Johnson graduated with a MMus (Performance) in Vocal studies from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Lindsay is a former pupil of Kilmartin Primary School. Her first degree was a BMus (hons) from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. In September she will join the Alexander Gibson Opera School at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland with a scholarship to study for an MA in Opera studies. Lindsay is the daughter of Fiona Johnson, Ford, and god-daughter of Bill and Pat Cairns, Lochgilhead. She would like to thank the Allt Dearg Educational Trust, the Charles and Barbara Tyre Trust, the Knudsen Fund and the Rotary Club for supporting her studies.



PERSONAL NOTICES

Thank you

Lorna McMurchy would like to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts and get well messages after her recent operation. She is now glad to be back home and on the road to recovery.

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New Lochgilphead golf trophy

Friday July 10 saw another coronavirus restriction lifted, with folks now permitted to visit for overnight stays.

This had an effect on the turnout for the ladies competition at Lochgilphead Golf Club, as a few were missing from the fairways. Kathleen Young, who has been a bit disheartened with her results lately, was not only in attendance but was the victor on the day. With a nett 65 strokes, Kathleen beat Jane Hepburn by a single stroke to win the Centenary Cup.

The gents turned out in abundance for the Dunlop Tankard, and with one third of the competitors carding an under-par round it was a hard fought battle. Mike Leng was the winner with

a fantastic 41 points, beating Ryan McGlynn by one point.

The competition on Sunday July 19 is a new one, organised by Raymond Flanagan. It is the Captain William Todd Trophy, which is open to both lady and gent members. The trophy was donated by Mid Argyll Youth Forum who were researching in to WW1 soldiers from Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig when they discovered that William Todd was once secretary of the golf club.

As there is still no word from Scottish Golf about open competitions, these are still on hold. Some Argyll clubs have cancelled all of their opens for this year but Lochgilphead Golf Club still hopes to hold open competitions towards the end of August.



Raymond Flanagan with the Captain William Todd Trophy. 06_a25ArmedForcesDay50

Captain William Todd

William Todd was an architect by profession and burgh surveyor for Lochgilphead for a number of years. He was also secretary of Lochgilphead Golf Club.

He lived in 'Druncaobhan', Manse Brae in Lochgilphead, a house which he designed himself in 1906. He also designed the Oban Police Station and Oriall drill hall, also in Oban, as well as the Masonic Hall in Lochgilphead.

He was responsible for the design of the Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall and Ardrishaig Village Hall in 1912.

After the outbreak of the First World War,

and while training at Bedford, he was promoted to Captain of the 1st Highland Mountain Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery. He was 39 years of age when he died of wounds received at Gallipoli on June 29, 1915.

Captain William Todd was the first Lochgilphead man to be killed in action.

He was survived by his wife Allyce and two young children, and is mentioned on the Lochgilphead Scottish Episcopal Church memorial plaque.

Captain Todd is buried at Helles Memorial in Turkey.

All to play for in Archie MacNab Memorial Cup

The first round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Cup took place in dry but breezy conditions at Glenralloch.

Twenty players teed off on Saturday July 11 in this popular Tarbert Golf Club event which is contested on a stableford points basis.

David Ronald, making full use of his 12 strokes, set the early pace with 38 points, including a four point birdie at the 10th and another birdie on 17th. Former captain Chris Smyth joined him on 38, including three birdies in the last five holes. They were joined on 38 points by Jimmy Litster, making a welcome return to Glenralloch, and Jimmy's level par round of 66 included a closing birdie at the 18th.

There is a tightly bunched group just one stroke behind the leaders, including Callum MacLean and Archie Black. The second and final round is on Saturday July 18 and it promises to be a closely-fought affair.

Saints lose Ryder Cup play-off

Oban Saints took on Oban Camanachd in a football v shinty Ryder Cup challenge match at Glencruitten Golf Club last Saturday.

Saints were 5-1 down at one stage but fought back to level the match at 6-6, but unfortunately lost at the first play-off hole.



An information board about Captain William Todd by Mid Argyll Youth Forum at last year's Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day. 06_a25ArmedForcesDay51





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